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OFFICIAL PAPER OF COCHISE COUNTY.

The rich mines and farming land of Arizona will be the next excitement. Write this down on your cuff.

In the swing around the circle of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, the fact is developed that the latter is the most popular man of the two.

The real estate sales in Los Angeles have dropped from an average of 600 per day, to less than eighty. You will hear something else drop before long.

Senator Don Cameron, Richard Gird and Governor Perkins still linger on the west side of the Huachuclas. They must keep their claws off the "CD" brand.

The Tortilla trouble has been punctured, and yet the Arizona newspapers that were in with the play have made no sign. They have sold their birthright for a mess of pottage, and seem determined to stick to the trade. We admire their pluck but condemn their judgment.

The Epitaph considers the outlook for Yuma county to be a bright one, owing to its immense area of cultivatable lands and the unlimited supply of water for irrigation. The bugbear of the torrid weather for three or four months of the year is no worse than in the Salt River valley at Phoenix.

If half the energy displayed by certain people in this camp in blackmailing meritorious mining properties, had been directed in placing those properties in their proper light before the public, the camp would be enjoying a veritable boom at this time.

Talk about the climate of Southern California! It isn't to be compared to the glorious, exhilarating climate of Southern Arizona, where old men are frisky as colts, and the ladies (God bless 'em) never grow old. Come west and renew your youth.

How quiet and lamblike are the Tombstone Prospector and the Tucson Citizen and Star since the EPIGRAPH'S exposure of the Tortilla wildcat, and the subsequent endorsement of its course by the leading mining journal of the United States, the Engineering and Mining Journal. Why not be manly, gentlemen, and acknowledge your error in endeavoring to bolster up frauds.

Once upon a time a Missouri country editor, whom modesty prevents from naming, referred to the wife of a prominent citizen as a "denizen" of the town. As a result of such careless use of words, the irate husband punctured his diaphragm with buckshot and otherwise maltreated the humble scribe. He has been very careful ever since to use language which the most untutored mind could comprehend.

The popular impression that printers are men who can live on wind pudding and Huachucla straight was long since exploded. They require substantial food like other people, and will do more than their share in advancing the interests of the country in which they live. All they ask is that when they perform labor in the way of advertising, subscription and job work, that they be not treated as objects of charity, or as legitimate subjects for the blinding act. They want pay for their work—hardly all.

A word from Peter Cooper: "In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, even if in thing more than a card stating his name and the business he is engaged in. I do not only pay the advertiser, but let the people at a distance know that the town in which you reside is a prosperous community of business men. As the seed is sown, so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign while you expect to do business."

Late in the evening on Thursday last, in San Francisco, Mrs. Clara B. McDonald, wife of R. H. McDonald, Jr., vice-president of the Pacific bank, went to the Baldwin, where R. H. McDonald, the father of the junior, is stopping, and having caught sight of McDonald senior, she drew a revolver and fired three shots at him, one ball taking effect in his forehead. How serious the wound is cannot at present be learned. This is the outgrowth of late marital troubles between Mrs. McDonald and her husband.

G. H. Daily, Esq., clerk of the district court of Tombstone, made the Star office a pleasant call yesterday. He says that mining business is improving rapidly. There are more men employed in the mines now than at any time since the camp was discovered. Mercantile business is also improving. There are many new people coming into Tombstone and to stay. The stockmen all through Cochise county are in high spirits, as the stock are a doing well. Mr. Daily left last night for Phoenix—Tucson Star.

In Chicago last Sunday, Stephen W. Rawson, a millionaire bank president, who has recently figured prominently in a sensational divorce case in which a sleeping car porter was procured to prove Mrs. Rawson's unfaithfulness, and afterwards admitted he had perjured himself,

was shot five times by William Lee, his stepson, aged seventeen years. Rawson had just come out of church when the shooting occurred. Lee had been waiting outside for him. Rawson was taken to his home, and there is little hope of his recovery. Lee was arrested, and said he shot Rawson because he had tried to prove his mother an adulteress and a bad woman. An Arizona jury would vote the young man a medal.

TERRITORIAL NEWS.

Four of Eskiminzin's Indians have located homesteads along the San Pedro river. They are also voters.

An artesian well, bored on the subscription plan at Raton, New Mexico, at a depth of 500 feet tapped a strong vein of gas. In Tucson this article is a surface product.—Citizen.

Tortilla is probably a corruption of "tortillita," meaning little cake. Persons who have been inveigled into buying stock in the Tortilla Mining company will awake to the fact that their cake is all dough.—Silver Belt.

The United States grand jury recently in session in Tucson, indicted nine Indians, two for murder and seven for being accessories in the murder of Mike Grace, near Crittenden, last spring. Gerónimo was also indicted for the murder of two citizens in the Sonora valley June 15, 1887.

Parties have been down Granite creek, examining that stream to determine the feasibility of a water storage enterprise there. There are thousands of acres of rich tillable land in Granite creek valley which could be made highly productive with water. A narrow canyon near the point of rocks, it is said, furnishes an excellent site for a reservoir or for a series of them, where water could be stored to furnish an ample supply of water the entire year.—Pecoscot Journal.

Says the Yuma Sentinel: The Colorado river at this point is literally alive with as fine carp as ever flipped a fin. They measure many of them two feet in length, and weigh ten pounds and over. The first carp was placed in the river five years ago by Dr. Taggart, who had received a few from the United States Fish Commissioner. Having no fish pond the Doctor placed the young fish in the river.

The military authorities have been telegraphed to be in readiness to move from Whipple Barracks to Fort Verde, where the Apache Mohave Indians will be removed. The majority of the citizens violently oppose the removal, and the action is openly denounced by the people. They are discussing on the streets the fact that it lowers the value of land to place ten or fifteen hundred Indians on the reservation. Many citizens of the Verde valley were interviewed, and almost all express opposition to the change.

The St. Louis constructors of the Gila Bend irrigation ditch will commence in earnest. They will tap the river twenty miles east of Gila Bend, the canal to be twenty-five feet wide at the bottom. One bank will be the bed of the railroad, which will run from Gila Bend to the river and across to Phoenix. The canal will reclaim over 20,000 acres of the citrus belt in that section.—Phoenix Gazette.

The M. W. Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Arizona will hold its sixth annual communication at the city of Tombstone, commencing on Tuesday, November 8, 1887, at 10 a. m. It is expected that delegates will be in attendance from Prescott, Holbrook and Flagstaff. The Arizona stage line has reduced the rates for those attending to \$20 from Prescott to Phoenix and return. The fare from Phoenix to Tombstone and return will be \$25.50, or \$45.50 for the round trip.—Courier.

We can buy and sell for cash and hence cannot be undersold.

W. A. Goodrich, a barber recently from Phoenix, hired a team from John Montgomery to go to the circus at Benson, left it in the stable there and departed for the East. He was overhauled at Wilcox, and brought to Tombstone yesterday. Too much booze.

Baron Bros' dancing school will commence next week at the skating rink. The exact evening has not yet been announced. This will be an opportunity to learn the graceful art from teachers of experience.

It is whispered around that there is a great stir among the so-called society folks. It appears that they don't agree as to who is, or is not admissible into "our circle." They ought to be mighty careful about some of the young roosters they countenance, as well as some of the hens they are so much alarmed about. Give all a show.—Tucson Star.

Lord Cecil and son, of England, the former a brother of the Marquis of Salisbury, are visiting Flagstaff, the guests of the Arizona Cattle company. His Lordship is highly pleased with this section of Arizona.

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Frank C. Earls returned Wednesday from Tempe, of which place he speaks in the highest terms.

GROSS INJUSTICE.

COMMISSIONER SPARKS' RULING.

Organized Effort to Have Congress Pass a Law which will Counteract the Obnoxious Interpretation.

From the Arizona Gazette.

A great injustice has been done bona fide settlers by the recent action of Commissioner Sparks, of the General Land Office, in raising the price of desert lands from \$1.25 to \$2.50 per acre, thus making it almost impossible for any but those having a wealthy bank account to avail themselves of the benefits of our land laws. Mr. Sparks virtually places out of reach of the genuine settler 36,000,000 acres of the public lands, from El Paso to San Diego, a distance of 700 miles, and 80 miles wide, of as good land as can be found anywhere. Only one per cent of this land has been sold, 99 per cent remaining unsold. The original price of this vast tract of land at \$1.25 per acre would be \$45,000,000. What would the present price bring it? The enormous sum of \$90,000,000. Out of whose pockets does this extra \$45,000,000 come? Out of the hard earnings of our sturdy pioneers, the men who have braved hunger, thirst, the wild beasts of our valleys and mountains and the wily and blood-thirsty savage. These are the men whom Commissioner Sparks would rob. We would like to see our public treasury filled to overflowing, but we here enter our solemn protest against this way of doing it. That Commissioner Sparks has the power to raise the price of public lands we do not deny, but law is mandatory. How are we to remedy it? By those directly interested petitioning Congress to pass a law this winter restoring the price of all lands in the limits of the forfeited Texas Pacific land grant to the minimum price of public lands of the United States, viz: \$1.25 per acre. Elder Thomas H. McMullin, of Phoenix, has been indefatigable in his labors to solve the problem of the best method of bringing the matter to a successful issue, as the following extracts and letters to him from Congressmen will show:

OJO CALIENTE, N. M., Aug. 23, '87. THOS. H. McMULLIN, Phoenix, Ariz.: Dear Sir—Your letter of the 18th inst. at hand and its contents duly noted. In reply, permit me to advise you that I am with you in the matter suggested, and will with pleasure join the member of Congress from the Lower California district and the delegate from Arizona in obtaining the necessary relief for the brave and worthy pioneers who are pushing civiliza-tion into the heart of the wild Indian country of the United States. With regards, I remain yours, A. JOSEPH.

Mr. Joseph is delegate to Congress from New Mexico.

VENTURA, Cal., Oct. 10, 1887. THOS. H. McMULLIN, Phoenix, Ariz.: Dear Sir—I have your favor of the 4th inst. and thank you for the information it contains. I think that I fully appreciate the importance of applying a remedy to the evil of which you speak. It seems strange that the department at Washington could not have found some method of avoiding the manifest injustice of charging double minimum price of pre-emptor and homesteaders, and only half that price to purchasers under the desert land act. I will cheerfully aid the passage of any act through Congress that may be necessary to correct the evil. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, WM. VANDEVER.

Mr. Vandever is Congressman from California.

The letter from Hon. Mark A. Smith, our delegate to Congress, is a lengthy one, and want of space only prevents us from publishing it in full. The following extract will show his feelings in the premises: "I fully concur with you in the sentiment contained in your letter relative to the \$2.50 per acre charge for desert land lying within the limit of the forfeited Texas Pacific land grant, and I promise a most hearty concurrence in any measure calculated to relieve settlers from payment of such exorbitant price. I agree with you that the remedy must come from Congress, for I am convinced that the secretary and commissioner have only construed the law as they found it."

To you who have braved all dangers, and are and have been the vanguard of civilization, and who by your bravery and persistence to secure homes for your families and aid in the development of our great natural wealth, to you who have given us the thrill whistle of the locomotive instead of the blood curdling yell of the savage, we would say your duty is plain. Memorialize Congress, and have some person at the Capital City this winter whose duty it shall be to represent your interests only. A word to the wise is sufficient.

F. N. Wolcott's Cash Store is now ready for business at the new location in the Otis building, on Fremont street, near the Post-office. The choicest and freshest groceries at the lowest cash prices.

There is nothing equal to the Great Acme Remedy to restore your nerves after excessive drinking, and what is still more creditable to the remedy, it will, if used as directed, destroy the appetite for strong stimulating drinks.

Notice. On and after April 1st, weekly ice tickets will be sold for \$1 and upwards. Ice weekly customers will not be delivered without tickets. SOUTHWESTERN ICE CO.

The Elite Theatre, under the proprietorship of Joe Bignon and the stage management of Chas. A. Keene, is resuming its old-time popularity. No

effort is spared to secure the best variety talent as the following list will show: John Crawford, Ada Prescott and Edward Carr, trap & z; Ryan and Randall, song and dance; J. E. Wilcox, Ella Gardner and Blanche Leslie, serio-comic.

The EPIGRAPH is turning out as superior a class of commercial job work, such as bill heads, letter heads, statements, etc., as can be procured anywhere. It is neatly put in pads, without extra charge. Call and see samples.

The new commissary store house at Fort Huachucla is completed, and will furnish storage room for millions of pounds of stores.

Don't fail to witness the performance of the McKinniss Specialty Company at Schuffelin Hall, Monday night. Secure your seats at Stevenson & Walker's Cigar Store.

Leave your order for the San Francisco Chronicle at Sol Israel's. Price, One month 65 cents; Six months \$4; One year \$7. Payable in advance.

Unnecessary Misery. Probably as much misery comes from habitual constipation as from any derangement of the functions of the body, and it is difficult to cure, for the reason that no one likes to take the medicines usually prescribed. HAMBURG FIGS were prepared to obviate this difficulty, and they will be found pleasant to the taste of women and children. 25 cents. At all druggists. J. Mack & Co., proprietors, S. F.

New Store. Paul Bahn is offering to the people of Tombstone and the county in general, some of the best bargains in groceries and liquors ever offered in this county. His stock is new fresh and desirable canned goods, wines, candles, in fact every thing sold in a first class grocery store is being sold by him at Fairbank prices.

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\$400 REWARD.

The above named reward will be paid by Troop G, 4th U. S. Cavalry, Fort Bowie, Arizona, for the apprehension and conviction of the murderer of William C. Drake, (late private of said troop) at Sulphur Springs, Arizona, on the 29th of September, 1887.

GEO. WILLIAMS, Sergeant.

Notice of Transmuted Homestead Proof.

(Homestead Application No. 213.)

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, TUCSON, ARIZONA, Sept. 20, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. land office at Tucson, Arizona, on the 19th day of November, 1887, viz: Section 16 of T. 1 N. 2 S. R. 2 E., Ariz., for the W. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 and E. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 of Sec. 21, Twp. 15 N. R. 20 E., Gila and Salt River sections.

He claims the following witness to prove his settlement on the above described land, viz: Ronaldo Torres, Pablo Hernandez, Miguel Rojas, Felix Ruiz, all of the Alamos, A. D. DUFF, Register.

Notice of Homestead Proof.

(Homestead Application No. 175.)

UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE, TUCSON, ARIZONA, Sept. 20, 1887. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver of the U. S. land office at Tucson, Arizona, on the 22nd day of November, 1887, viz: Section 16 of T. 1 N. 2 S. R. 2 E., Ariz., for the W. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 and E. 1/2 of the N. 1/2 of Sec. 21, Twp. 15 N. R. 20 E., Gila and Salt River sections.

He claims the following witness to prove his settlement on the above described land, viz: Ronaldo Torres, Pablo Hernandez, Miguel Rojas, Felix Ruiz, all of the Alamos, A. D. DUFF, Register.

\$250 Reward.

The above reward will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons unlawfully handling any of my stock. Brand H G on left hip.

H. W. HASSELOREN. Charleston, A. T. July 12-13

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